

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 36. (Cancelled).

37. (New) A dry, removable wound dressing comprising a gauze matrix having a coating of cross-linked polysaccharide beads on a wound-contacting surface of said gauze matrix.

38. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, further comprising an adhesive.

39. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, wherein said polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of dextran, starch, alginate, and cellulose.

40. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, wherein said cross-linked polysaccharide beads comprise HP 15 cross-linked dextran beads.

41. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, wherein said cross-linked polysaccharide beads comprise HP 20 cross-linked dextran beads.

42. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, wherein said cross-linked polysaccharide beads have a molecular weight exclusion limit of 3×10^5 or greater when said cross-linked polysaccharide beads are in a dry state.

43. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, wherein said cross-linked polysaccharide beads have a molecular weight exclusion limit of 5×10^5 or greater when said cross-linked polysaccharide beads are in a dry state.

44. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, wherein said wound dressing further comprises a pharmaceutical agent.

45. (New) The dry, removable wound dressing of claim 37, wherein said wound dressing further comprises at least one of collagen, fibrinogen, and thrombin.

46. (New) The dry removable wound dressing of claim 44, wherein said pharmaceutical agent is selected from the group consisting of anti-inflammatory analgesic agents, steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, antihistamines, local anaesthetics, bactericides, disinfectants, vasoconstrictors, chemotherapeutic drugs, antibiotics, keratolytics, cauterizing agents, antiviral drugs, and mixtures thereof.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheets of drawings include formal figures for Figures 1-11 and replace the original sheets for Figures 1-11.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheets (11 pages)